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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

On December 14, 2005, the Examiner issued a Supplemental Restriction Requirement in the above identified application, with regard to failure to make additional election to one of Inventions IA, IB or IC.

Applicants elect Invention IC directed to claims 11-24.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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